



THE DREAM KEEPER

"Never Give Up!"

Winter 2013

RPRA Board signs contract to evaluate Needle's Eye Tunnel

It has been 22 years since an engineering study was conducted on the Corona Pass Needle's Eye Tunnel. Instead of continuing to **Dream** about the possibility of a safe passage through the Tunnel, the RPRA Board took steps to discover if it is even still an option.

In early August, the Rollins Pass Restoration Association Board voted to spend up to \$10,000 for the purpose of securing a contract with well-known tunnel experts, Deere & Ault Consultants, to evaluate tunnel repair options.

We applaud both the Forest

Service and the Boulder County Commissioners for their insight in giving Deere & Ault the necessary written permission to gain legal access to the Needles Eye Tunnel. On September 12, 2012, Juanita Straight, Co-President, accompanied Don Deere, Ted Deere, and Christoph Goss on a Trek to the Tunnel.



Photo by Christoph Goss
Christoph Goss, Juanita Straight, Don Deere, and Ted Deere

Deere and his engineers assessed the integrity of the structure and the viability of repair activity. We are looking forward to reading and sharing their report. (To access Deere & Ault's Website, please go to <http://www.deereault.com>)

"SIGNS" OF THE TIMES!

Gracious thanks to Don Neuman (Winter Park, CO & AZ) for his major contribution in having the original Corona sign restored.

The RPRA paid for hole digging and erection of the sign at the road entrance on US 40 in Winter Park.

The sign is an impressive and greatly needed landmark.

RPRA Board Member,

Jack Reed, along with Dorothy Reed, Dave Naples and a small army of volunteers, worked many hours and weekends to rebuild and re-paint the sign on the top of Corona Pass.

It looks great! Browse the Moffat Road Facebook Website to see Jack's before, during, and after photos. A big thank you to all involved!

For those of you who cannot interact with us face to face (f2f), if you are an Internet user, Jack Reed, our Webmaster has created

[Moffat Road Facebook Page:](https://www.facebook.com/groups/138773012834181/)
(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/138773012834181/>)
for any and all members and friends of RPRA and the Moffat Road.

And, for railroad buffs, you are invited to join the

[Denver & Salt Lake Historical Society:](http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/DSLHS/)
(<http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/DSLHS/>).

Annual Picnic Recap

The RPRA Annual Picnic on the Westside was a huge success with enough food to stay on the Westside of Corona Pass another day. There were many new attendees which included new Life Member, Jim Baily, the Great-Great-Great Nephew of John Quincy Adams Rollins (the Co-Presidents would like to apologize for previously identifying Jim as related to David Moffat), and Mr. P. R. Williams of England, UK also joined us as a first-time attendee and supporter.

Save the Date!

Our Annual Meeting is Scheduled for:

May 13, 2012 at 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Meadows Branch, Boulder Public Library
4800 Baseline Road, Boulder, CO 80303



RPRA has a few of Art Wainwright's DVD 'Hell Hill' available.
The cost is \$10.00 for members and libraries, \$15.00 for non-members, and FREE with a \$50.00 personal donation.
Order and check may be sent to RPRA, P.O. Box 1082, Longmont, CO 80502.

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Our Founder, Col. Dan Straight



Needle's Eye Tunnel, East Portal



Needle's Eye Tunnel, Wire Mesh is doing
it's job!

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